

READERS THEATER RESOURCES

From Aaron Shepard's Website:

Team Scripting

Children working in teams are easily capable of scripting short, simple stories. Here is one approach:

First explain briefly about identifying types of roles, adjusting for more or fewer readers, and possible cutting.

Divide the readers into teams of about four. Assign a one-page story to each team, with each member receiving a copy. (Fables work well. Arnold Lobel's book *Fables* is excellent for this. Longer pieces can also be scripted this way)

The team members read through their story, identify the roles, and divide the roles among themselves.

Then they decide who will read what.

Each reader underlines his or her own speaking parts—in pencil, to allow changes—and also crosses out anything the whole team agrees to cut. (If you wish, these individual copies can later be compiled into a master script in standard format.)

Normally, young readers can have a one-page story ready for tryout in about a quarter hour, with practically no adult help. With adult help, it can take quite a bit longer.

Note: Check out Aaron's RT Tips and free scripts on his website: www.aaronshp.com/rt
Come to the ORA Annual Conference and hear Aaron Shepard in person!

Other sites: (just GOOGLE "readers theater")

www.teachingheart.net/readerstheater.htm

www.cdli.ca/CITE/langrt.htm

www.literacyconnections.com/ReadersTheater.html

www.loiswalker.com/choralgh.html (The Grasshopper and the Ants)

bms.westport.k12.ct.us/mccormick/rt/RTHOME.htm

www.fictionteachers.com/classroomtheater/theater.html

www.lisablau.com/scriptomonth.html

www.storycart.com/scripts_01.php

www.oregonread.org/rt

Books:

Readers Theater for Building Fluency by Jo Worthy, Scholastic, 2005 - ISBN: 0-439-52223-4

Another Point of View by Nancy Polette, Pieces of Learning, 2000 - ISBN: 1-880505-90-8

Folktales on Stage: Scripts for Readers Theater by Aaron Shepard, Shepard Publications, 2004 - ISBN: 0-938497-20-0

Readers Theatre for Beginning Readers by Suzanne I. Barchers, Teacher Ideas Press, 1993
ISBN: 1-56308-136-9

Fifty Fabulous Fables: Beginning Readers Theatre by Suzanne I. Barchers, Teacher Ideas Press, 1997 - ISBN: 1-56308-553-4

Frantic Frogs and Other Frankly Fractured Folktales for Readers Theatre by Anthony D. Fredericks, Teacher Ideas Press, 1993 - ISBN: 1-56308-174-1